

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/471,220

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/10/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5-7 and 9-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Introduction

1. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-25 of U. S. Application 09/471,220, filed on December 23, 1999 are presented for examination and are allowed over the prior art of record.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-25 are allowed over the prior art of record. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. The 112 rejections are withdrawn. Applicants state that they have amended the specification to overcome the Examiner's rejections. Furthermore, it is noted that the phrase "Lastly, repeated usage of the phrase 'in one embodiment'" does not necessarily refer to the same embodiment", respectfully, is inherently contradictory. "In one embodiment" can only refer to the "one embodiment" being discussed. A statement such as 'another embodiment' or a 'different embodiment' would refer to a different embodiment. It is impossible, given the statement, "Lastly, repeated usage of the phrase 'in one embodiment'" does not necessarily refer to the same embodiment" to infer or suggest or conclude that one embodiment might not refer to itself. This follows from the plain meaning of the language. For these reasons, the statement is interpreted to be meaningless and is disregarded. Thus, the 112 rejections are withdrawn.

4. The claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record for the following reasons: The prior art of record does disclose the features as discussed throughout prosecution. However, the rejections are withdrawn for the following reasons. Applicants have amended the claims in response to the prior art rejections. The prior art of record does not disclose or suggest

the features of the amended limitations, as defined in the specification, in the context of the claims. Thus, the rejections do not meet the conditions as suggested in MPEP section 2132, namely:

*"The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim, but this is not an *ipsissimis verbis* test, i.e., identity of terminology is not required. *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990)."*

5. *Therefore the art of record doesn't read on the claims and the claims do not read on the art of record*

6. Therefore, claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-25 are allowed over the prior art of record.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. **Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be:**

directed to: Dr. Hugh Jones telephone number (571) 272-3781,
Monday-Thursday 0830 to 0700 ET,

or

the examiner's supervisor, Kamini Shah, telephone number (571) 272-2279.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist, telephone number (703) 305-3900.

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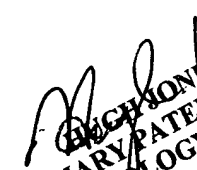
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